

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2007-129-C - ORDER NO. 2007-511  
JULY 31, 2007

IN RE: Application for Extended Area Service Between the Towns of Inman, Campobello, and Landrum, South Carolina.	) ORDER HOLDING ) MATTER IN ABEYANCE ) TO PROVIDE MORE ) INFORMATION ON ) BALLOTING
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on a request of the Spartanburg District One Schools to extend the local telephone service area between the Towns of Inman, Campobello, and Landrum, South Carolina. In its application, the Petitioner claims that despite a one to five mile distance between the schools in these towns, communicating by phone is considered long distance and requires two telephone lines to avoid long distance charges. Windstream South Carolina, Inc. (“Windstream”) is the incumbent local exchange carrier serving these communities.

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) investigated this matter and recommended that the Commission use the ballot process to resolve the issue. However, while the Commission supports balloting, it is necessary to gather more information before making a determination. Therefore, it is ordered that the disposition of balloting will be held in abeyance to allow time for ORS and Windstream to provide

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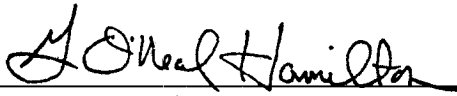
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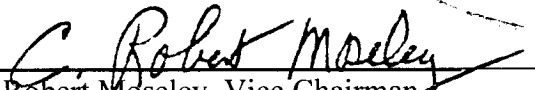
the Commission with more information on possible balloting alternatives. This information should include cost estimates for balloting as well as alternatives such as balloting on the return portion of the bill invoice, an automated telephone survey, and other low cost balloting or survey methods.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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